

Dept. of Housing and Neighborhood Services

Community Programs Information Sheet

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PROGRAM	FEATURES
NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS	Available to all neighborhood organizations within the city, federal CDBG funds and city-appropriated funds are administered as grants for neighborhood development and improvement projects per criteria established by the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates.
LEADERSHIP COLLEGE	The Leadership College is a unique community-leadership program designed for residents and neighborhood leaders to learn how to work within their neighborhoods, and with city staff to improve the quality of life within their communities.
ROANOKE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATES (RNA)	The Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates is a thirteen-member body created by Roanoke City Council to advocate on behalf of and for neighborhood-based organizations regarding public policies and courses of action that support and encourage the growth of neighborhoods.
CODE ENFORCEMENT	Responsible for enforcing the Building Maintenance Code, Weeds and Trash Abatement, Inoperable Motor Vehicle, Residential Rental Inspection Program, Outdoor Storage, and Graffiti Abatement Program which maintains the health, safety, and welfare of citizens.
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION INITIATIVES	Targeted neighborhood revitalization projects, such as the SE...by Design, Gainsboro, and Gilmer/NNEO Neighborhood Revitalization Initiatives to improve quality of life and build strong sustainable neighborhoods.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE FOR POLICE OFFICERS	To accelerate revitalization of and economic investment in city neighborhoods, the City of Roanoke has partnered with Blue Ridge Development Corp. to rehab properties and market them solely to eligible Roanoke police officers at below market rates.
MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)	Assistance for down payment and closing costs up to \$8000.00 per eligible homebuyer. Available loans provide up to 50% of required down payment and reasonable closing costs to assist low/moderate-income buyers. Loans are at 0% interest.
LEAD-SAFE ROANOKE	The goal of "Lead-Safe Roanoke" is to forge partnerships between public agencies, faith-based and community-based non-profit organizations, and local government by educating, identifying and controlling lead-based hazards in homes with children less than 6 yrs old.